

## RAILROAD INTERESTS.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RATE WAR.  
FURTHER TESTIMONY HEARD BY THE INTER-  
STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day continued its investigation into the causes of the Canadian Pacific rate war. After H. L. Whitney, representing the Great Northern Railway, had closed his direct statement, he was requested by Mr. McNicoll, passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific, to read a letter referring to the reduction of passenger rates from St. Paul to Victoria, B. C. Mr. Whitney said he would be willing to do so provided Mr. McNicoll would file the letters he had received on the subject. Mr. McNicoll declined, and the chairman ruled that it would be appropriate to produce and file the original correspondence. The Canadian Pacific Railway, when I presented its case, would be expected to do the same.

Mr. Whitney, in his statement, maintained that the American lines had been held up by the Canadian Pacific, and at the price of peace had been obliged to give up differentials. Speaking of the Canadian Pacific's breakaway, Mr. Whitney said:

"I understand that if the Canadian Pacific had maintained tariff rates the American railway companies would not have sustained their losses. The speaker made a strong case of the fact that the railroads, throughout the country, had been dismally demoralized as the result of the action of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Whitney testified that the Canadian Pacific forced American lines to take enormous fares from New York, St. Paul and other Western points to one cent a mile. He declared that such a cut meant the loss of enormous sums to the railroads.

The transportation of passengers to these Western points at least two cents a mile, and where the country is hilly and sparsely populated the cost was even greater.

Replying to a question as to whether the Eastern roads had suffered through the lowering of rates, Mr. Whitney said he had been informed by railroad officials in New York that the loss to Eastern roads had been appalling, despite the fact that the volume of business had greatly increased.

## ATCHISON'S REMARKABLE SHOWING.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—A remarkable showing is made by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad system. A detailed report of earnings and operating expenses was made public to-day which shows record earnings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898, gives an excess over last year of \$5,500,000. The net earnings show an increase of 40 per cent as compared with last year. The officials of the road estimate that with the good crops now in sight these figures will be largely exceeded in the coming year.

## BALTIMORE AND OHIO'S BIG BUSINESS.

Baltimore, Aug. 2.—The gross earnings of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898 (May and June approximated), were \$27,642,432, compared with \$25,582,120 for the preceding year, an increase of \$2,060,310. These figures do not include income from lines other than those operated. The net earnings are considerably in excess of \$1,500,000, an increase of more than \$500,000. These figures represent the biggest business in the history of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and are 10 or 12 per cent higher than they would have been had rates not been maintained. The Baltimore and Ohio was forced to cut rates in order to meet competition.

## MYSTERIOUS ASSAULT IN BALTIMORE.

TWO WOMEN AND A LITTLE GIRL THE VICTIMS—THEY MAY DIE.

Baltimore, Aug. 2.—A mysterious assault, which resulted in a triple murder, was made on a family living in the lower part of the city this morning. The victims are Mrs. Hannah Lillis, a widow, aged thirty-three; Winnie Lillis, aged seven, and Mrs. Besse Whetler, aged twenty-nine.

Mrs. Whetler, who is separated from her husband, boarded with Mrs. Lillis, who, with her three children, live at No. 211 Siemers Alley, a small, incongruous near the wharves, where stories of "Murder" and basting to the house found the women and the little girl bleeding and unconscious from wounds received in the head evidently inflicted with the blunt end of a knife. Four persons who were able to furnish any information about the affair were two Bohemians who claim to have left negro leave the house, and who shot up the alarm bell when the alarm was given. Two negroes were subsequently arrested, but were released for want of evidence against them. All of the victims are in the hospital and the physicians are doing all they can to cure the victims. No motive can be ascertained for the crimes, as the victims are poor, and no attempt at criminal assaults had apparently been made.

## REAL ESTATE.

SALES REPORTED BY BROKERS AND AT EXCHANGES.

Hellier & Wolf have sold to M. Thornton No. 217 East Eighty-third-st., an old building, lot 25x50.2. Thomas J. Jenkins was the buyer of the plot at the southeast corner of Fifth-ave. and One-hundred-and-nineteenth-st. \$50,000, sold last week by Martin Metzger.

Lewis G. Tewsbury has sold to a Philadelphia buyer his house, 23x100, No. 29 West Seventy-second-st.

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All other announced sales were adjourned.

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Through Assistant United States District Attorney Robert H. Roy, the United States has about closed contracts for the purchase of about six acres of land in Staten Island, adjoining Fort Wadsworth, on the northeast, at the waterfront. This property is taken for the purpose of enlarging the fort, and the price agreed upon is \$30,000. The sellers are Edward A. and Anna E. Ockerhausen, his wife, being the children and heirs of F. Ockerhausen, deceased, and the estate of the late Frank Ockerhausen, his son.

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